REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

AND OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF WILTON,

FOR THE

Year Ending March, 1869.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Year Ending March, 1869.

BILLS PAID.

Orders on Treasury for outstanding accounts:

C. F. Wright, services on Town Farm,	$82 09	
N. P. Greene, printing,	98 43	
Moses Spalding, over tax,	10 80	
S. Barrett, paid Geo. Wallace, treasurer,	188 59	
Wm. P. Duncklee, for plow,	5 00	
		$384 91

FOR SCHOOLS.

	Summer.	Winter.	
Dist. No. 1,	49 83	97 56	
" 2,	37 44	72 81	
" 3,	27 24	52 30	
" 4,	208 75	413 68	
" 5,	28 29	42 46	
" 6,	28 07	40 99	
" 7,	27 18	42 59	
" 8,	35 81	52 91	
" 9,	45 53	98 31	
" 10,	33 65		
	521 79	913 61	$1435 40

REPAIRING BRIDGES.

Joseph Smith, labor and lumber,	47 39	
H. N. Gray, iron for Mason bridge,	12 87	
Chas. Hesselton, labor,	12 00	
A. Townsend, "	14 90	
Joshua Rideout, "	23 59	
C. A. & H. L. Emerson, "	25 50	
James Shelden, "	1 00	
D. Whiting & Sons, lumber,	174 20	
		$311 45

REPAIRING OF HIGHWAYS.

L. Gray, railing,	2 95	
A. Smith, bank wall,	75 30	
L. W. Sargent, river wall,	20 00	
W. C. Crosby, drain pipe,	120 00	
D. Whiting & Sons, labor,	5 00	
H. Gray, "	12 50	
F. E. Thrasher, "	15 75	
Wilder Knights, "	25 25	
A. D. Abbott, "	4 50	
D. M. Ray, "	124 04	
Chas. Carleton, "	8 00	
J. & J. H. Frye, "	50 73	
Jacob Rideout, labor & lumber,	40 00	
I. W. Curtis, " "	86 72	
		$590 74
Joshua Rideout, labor,	10 54	
D. Whiting & Sons, concrete crossing,	21 50	
Wm. Sheldon, labor,	47 30	
H. H. Pratt, "	38 50	
I. K. Davis, "	17 20	
H. N. Gray, iron,	10 20	
J. Parker, stone,	9 10	
Wilton R. R. Co., freight on stone,	21 09	
		$766 17

BREAKING ROADS, 1867—8.

J. Weston,	18 21
S. Burton,	19 90
J. Sheldon,	15 30
A. Frye,	6 88

A. F. Peacock,	5 40	
D. B. Shedd,	14 02	
I. B. Curtis,	11 25	
D. Cram,	43 51	
J. Smith,	7 50	
Mark Holt,	58 44	
J. Dascomb,	2 30	
Abial Flint,	3 25	
P. Woodward,	18 50	
L. Gray,	31 57	
J. Frye,	34 26	
J. Bragg,	2 50	
J. Holt,	6 00	
G. Hartshorn,	12 50	
J. D. Wilson,	11 34	
J. H. Perham,	17 22	
G. A. Davidson,	19 40	
L. Abbott,	45 50	
A. D. Abbott,	16 25	
J. Phelps,	28 33	
County Farm,	43 60	
S. L. Kimball,	13 86	
Lovejoy & Parkhurst,	4 50	
L. W. Perham,	7 95	
J. Gage,	6 70	
H. H. Pratt,	17 10	
E. E. Bales,	3 00	
C. M. Batchelder,	42 50	
J. Perham,	9 31	
J. B. Kidder,	35 20	
W. H. Abbott,	14 50	
S. Gouldsmith,	1 75	
S. & D. W. Russell,	6 08	
William Shelden,	5 30	
P. S. Holt,	3 75	
Moses Clark,	5 51	
	——	$669 94

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

S. Barrett, selling town farm,	79 45	
G. W. Boynton, watering tub,	3 00	
H. Gray, " "	3 00	

H. N. Gray, watering tub,	3 00	
Wilder Knights, building road,	70 00	
J. & J. H. Frye, " "	120 00	
C. A. Bales, iron work,	29 54	
J. Newell, overtax,	20 00	
A. A. Ramsey, "	9 99	
Morrill & Co., "	5 81	
James Ayers, "	4 30	
Warren Holt, "	32 25	
Stearnes & Woods, overtax,	7 53	
Wm. E. Rideout, grave straps,	3 10	
C. H. Burns, services,	51 75	
J. K. Davis, expense to Concord,	10 55	
J. K. Davis, perambulating town lines,	9 00	
Sewell Putnam, " " & surveying,	13 50	
D. Whiting & Sons, lumber and stone,	196 94	
E. P. Hutchinson, selling town house,	4 85	
Geo. O. Whiting, land damage,	5 00	
J. Fleeman, " "	30 00	
A. J. Putnam, " "	200 00	
Moses Clark, " "	25 00	
F. E. Thrasher, labor on tomb,	8 00	
J. & C. Hesselton, " "	111 10	
J. R. Shelden, " "	23 37	
J. & J. H. Frye, " "	37 50	
William Taggart, for brick on tomb,	120 00	
S. G. Mack, " door "	35 00	
D. Gregg & Co., " lime & cement, tomb,	39 20	
R. Pickering, " stone, for tomb,	80 00	
R. Cockroff, damage on highway,	10 00	
		$1401,73
Amos Putnam, for care of town hall in March, 1868,	3 90	
Geo. W. Bridges, overtax,	3 23	
J. H. Taft, "	1 66	
Jas. Taft, heirs, "	1 66	
Moses Clark, discount on taxes, 1868,	691 30	
Abatement of taxes, in 1867,	38 24	
" " 1868,	90 41	
" " on town property,	46 60	
		$2278 73

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Charles Hesselton, Selectman,	101 00	
D. A. Gregg, "	80 00	
I. K. Davis, "	60 00	
T. H. Dillon, town clerk,	60 00	
S. Barrett, treasurer,	75 00	
W. E. Rideout, police,	15 00	
C. H. Lewis, "	10 00	
Sumner Blanchard, "	10 00	
Moses Clark, collector,	154 38	
S. C. Fletcher, school committee,	58 00	
A. E. Jaques, for Auditors,	3 50	
		$626 88

SUPPORT OF POOR.

C. H. Bellows, for J. Simonds,	39 00	
Abial Frye, goods for farm,	28 48	
" " moving paupers,	1 50	
J. Fleeman, professional service,	6 37	
I. K. Davis, boarding paupers,	307 30	
Chas. Merrill, transient paupers,	25 50	
D. Whiting & Sons, transient paupers,	6 00	
Aid furnished E. Eaton,	24 00	
" Mrs. Wetherbee,	20 00	
" Mrs. Varley,	2 50	
" J. Shea,	9 50	
S. N. Center, store goods,	2 28	
D. Gregg & Co., " "	40 01	
Wm. Shelden, "	12 19	
A. E. Jaques, " "	3 44	
G. W. Wallace, clothing,	7 50	
Chas. Tarbell, "	10 00	
Jones & Dascomb, shoes,	2 42	
Hillsboro' Co. farm, boarding paupers,	22 00	
W. E. Rideout, sexton service,	16 00	
C. H. Burns, house rent,	12 00	
		$597 99
Amount due from County,		54 00

CHAS. HESSELTON,
D. A. GREGG,
I. K. DAVIS,
} Selectmen of Wilton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To cash reported in the treasury, March 1st, 1868	$906 10	
" borrowed of M. Lovejoy,	260 00	
" " E. J. Boynton,	500 00	
" " G. H. Blood,	500 00	
" " A. A. Ramsey,	700 00	
" " A. N. Burton,	1000 00	
" " P. Woodward,	3000 00	
" " J. Fleeman,	500 00	
" " G. S. Fowler,	2000 00	
" " P. Gage,	400 00	
" received on sale of town farm,	1400 00	
" note, " " "	1380 00	
" " " " house,	245 00	
" cash, " " "	605 00	
" " " personal property of town,	1708 16	
" " of Milford for bank tax,	158 88	
" " " Nashua, "	151 04	
" " " State, "	503 80	
" " " railroad tax,	265 15	
" " " literary fund,	56 52	
" " " overseer of poor,	236 09	
" " " selectmen for 1 poll tax,	4 56	
" " " collector " 1868,	11640 37	
" " " M. Clark " interest on taxes,	18 27	
" " " interest, "	9 92	
		$28148 86

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By cash paid principal and interest,	$19086 51	
" N. H. Asylum for G. L. Daniels,	62 10	
" on orders drawn by selectmen,	7053 85	
" note for town farm prin. & int.,	1380 00	
" " " house " "	245 00	
		$27827 46
Bal. in treasury cash,	321 40	
Due from coll. for 1866	560 13	
" " 1868	71 67	

Due on note for town farm prin. & int.,	1453 37		
" house " "	270 03		
			$2676 60

DEMANDS AGAINST THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1869.

Notes	B. Hopkins prin. and int. to March 1, 1869,	3019 00
"	M. M. Carlton, " "	1047 50
"	F. Green, " "	2072 01
"	Harriet Gage,	1702 83
"	Daniel Cram,	523 34
"	David C. Lane,	1060 00
"	Oliver Barrett,	408 73
"	Clarrisa Gray,	214 53
"	Ezra Bales,	310 65
"	Thos. Law,	257 83
"	Asa Stiles,	2447 68
"	S. L. Kimball,	1030 00
"	C. A. Harris,	504 92
"	Edna Kidder,	525 75
"	Abigail Dakin,	313 90
"	Charlotte Baldwin,	627 20
"	Geo. W. Boynton,	523 17
"	Wm. White,	738 50
"	Joel Hesselton,	424 00
"	Jason Russell,	1601 25
"	Hermon Pettengill,	4146 67
"	A. M. Holden,	520 16
"	Betsey Blood,	311 90
"	John D. Wilson,	337 60
"	Ruth Richardson,	411 00
"	J. H. Frye,	446 90
"	Ezra Pettengill,	205 00
"	Nathaniel Holden,	1633 06
"	H. H. G. Melendy.	225 71
"	H. N. Hardy,	247 40
"	A. D. Abbott,	210 67
"	Moses Lovejoy,	797 91
"	Betsey Jones,	419 60
"	S. Farnsworth,	3866 50
"	S. L. Holden,	209 00

Notes	Everett Small,	312 60	
"	W. E. Rideout,	259 75	
"	J. T. Shepley,	412 60	
"	R. K. Blood,	529 42	
"	L. Gray,	206 00	
"	C. A. Bales,	1022 33	
"	Joseph Howard,	845 94	
"	E. J. Boynton,	525 00	
"	Geo. H. Blood,	520 50	
"	A. N. Burton,	1010 00	
"	P. Woodward,	1958 58	
"	Josiah Fleeman,	505 33	
"	Geo. S. Fowler,	1717 56	
"	Pierce Gage,	402 93	
"	Joseph Kendall,	473 25	
"	Sam'l Lovejoy,	837 98	
"	Chas. Lovejoy,	474 90	
"	H. Hopkins,	446 90	
			$45799 44
Deduct amount of available means,			2676 60
Total indebtedness of Town,			$43,122 84

We hereby certify that we have examined the above report, and find the accounts correctly cast, and vouchers have been presented for the amounts that have been paid.

ALFRED E. JAQUES,
HERMON ABBOTT, } Auditors.
MOSES CLARK,

SEXTON'S REPORT.

						AGE. Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Mr. Ebenezer Williams, died in Temple, Feb. 2, interred in Wilton,						75		
Mr. Ezra Upham,	"	Feb. 16,	"	"		84	3	
Mr. George P. Spalding,	"	" 18,	"	Nashua,		39	4	
Mr. Stillman C. White,	"	" 18,	"	Wilton,		28	7	10
Mr. Spalding and Mr. White were killed by the explosion of the Locomotive "William Sturgis." at Lowell.								
Mrs. Lucinda B. Stiles, died Feb. 27, interred in Wilton,						67		
Miss Eva M. Baker,	"	" 29,	on board steamer Missouri bound to Nassau, N. P., interred in Wilton,			15	9	
Herbert E. French,	died March 3, interred in Wilton,					1	4	
Mrs. Mary Watson,	"	" 24,	"	Lowell, Mass.		86	11	19
Mr. Ebenezer K. Blanchard, died March 27, interred in Lyndeboro',						55	1	14
Morris Dolan,	"	" 28,	"	Lowell, Mass.		18		
Mrs. Susan M. Gray,	"	April 17,	"	Wilton,		76	10	
Mr. Orrin Blood,	"	May 6,	"	"		63	2	15
Mrs. Anna Burton,	"	" 15,	"	"		45	8	
Mr. Edward French,	"	June 8,	"	"		36	7	
Martin Qualton,	"	" 16,	"	Hudson, N. H.		9	10	
Mr. James W. Hardy,	"	July 5,	"	Lowell, Mass.		27		
Miss Hattie S. Holt,	"	" 31,	"	Wilton,		17		
Infant child of Elijah Putnam	"	Aug. 4,	"	"				
Mrs. Hannah Dillon,	"	" 8,	"	"		60		
Mr. Larkin Mason,	"	" 9,	"	"		79	1	17
Arthur E. Putnam,	"	" 12, at Townsend, Mass., interred in Wilton,					9	8
Alford Varley,	"	" 19, interred at Wilton,					11	13
Frank Barrett,	"	" 22,	"	"			1	21
Mrs. Ruthey Richardson,	"	" 25,	"	Mt. Vernon,		76	10	2
Luther F. Davis,	"	Sept. 1,	"	Cambridge, Ms.		7	10	15
Mrs. Marose Gorno,	"	" 18,	"	Milford,		47		
Mary, child of Rev. F. A. Bonton, died Sept. 16, interred in Hyde Park, Mass.,							5	
Mr. Leonard Pettengill,	died Sept. 28, interred in Wilton,					62	6	
George M. Parkhurst,	"	Oct. 2,	"	"		7		
Mrs. Eliza J. Mace,	"	" 16,	"	"		59	2	
Mr. Benjamin T. Foster,	"	" 30,	"	"		55	4	
Child of Amos Brothers,	"	Nov. 2,	"	Milford,			8	
Mrs. Julia Ann Shea,	"	" 9,	"	"		46		
Patrick Connelly,	"	Dec. 1,	"	"		14	8	13
Mr. Jerry McCarthy,	"	" 5,	"	Lowell, Mass,		54		
Miss Emma J. Wright,	"	" 24,	"	Wilton,		18	8	

Average age, 37 years, 2 months, 6 days.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC BLANCHARD,
WM. E. RIDEOUT, } Sextons.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Wilton:

Messrs:—Having attended to the office to which you appointed me, I have the honor to submit the following Report, giving the general result of the schools in the various districts.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Pru. Committee, Charles May.

Teacher, Miss Mary E. Russell. Summer Term, 9 weeks. Winter Term, 11 weeks. An excellent school, improvement marked and thorough. Discipline decided but not severe. If every Prudential Committee could obtain through the summer and retain throughout the year such teachers as Miss Russell few failures would occur.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Pru. Committee, Robert Dawson.

Teacher, Miss Hattie E. Fowler, Summer Term. Winter Term, Miss Sarah A. Brown, of Temple. A very successful year.—The summer term consisted for the most part of young pupils.—Much attention was given therefore to general oral exercises, and every day brought to the pupils some new item of knowledge.—A little more system in classing the pupils, and order in and about the school-room would have improved if possible a very excellent school. The winter term was under the instruction of an experienced teacher and made up of more mature pupils than the summer. The instruction was solid and substantial; the improvement less apparent than real. Earnestness and thoroughness both of teacher and pupils gave to this term very great profit and success. A very small amount expended in judicious repairs has very greatly improved the appearance and convenience of their school-room.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Pru. Committee, Samuel Kimball.

The school in this District has been almost an entire failure. Miss S. Josie Page, of New Ipswich, commenced the summer term, and from the appearance of the school on the first visit difficulty was apprehended. From her health or other causes the school was frequently interrupted, so that your Committee on attempting a second visit at two different periods was unable to find the school in session. At the end of the seventh week the Prudential Committee very wisely decided to expend no more of the money for a summer term. A day was appointed for examination, and the exercises evinced considerable progress but unfortunately in the wrong direction.

The Winter Term was commenced by Miss Lucretia Rideout of Mont Vernon. On the first visit the school appeared very well, and it was hoped from the ambition of the older pupils, as well as the apparent devotion of Miss Rideout to her work, the term would be successful. But towards the close considerable dissatisfation was expressed by some of the citizens of the District with the order maintained by Miss Rideout. Two visits made during the ninth week showed very commendable progress, and while present very little was seen to indicate demoralization. From all seen in connection with the school it appeared more than a medium school, but Miss Rideout learning the dissatisfaction existing of her own accord closed the school. The teacher was not so positive in her requirements or systematic in her teaching as desirable. Yet had it not been for one or two unfavorable circumstances the term probably would have been successful. A few visits and words of encouragement from the parents at the commencement of the term would have been beneficial. After a vacation of one week Miss Abbie E. Crosby, of Milford, took charge of the school and for four weeks showed how much may be done in this District by a superior teacher with the cooperation of parents and pupils.

The failure of this District is regretted the more from the fact, that on the first visit of the year the scholars appeared to have been taught in terms past more thoroughly than any other District in town. And during the year the efforts of the scholars have deserved greater success than they achieved till the short term of Miss Crosby.

DISTRICT NO. 4.—E. WILTON.

Pru. Committee, Samuel Woodman.

Grammar school taught during the year by Miss M. E. Hale, of New Ipswich. A successful year. The only failure was in order toward the close of the last term; yet this did not prevent the progress of the school.

Very commendable advancement was made and the teacher proved herself capable of instructing a very large and very hard school. Too large and too hard in winter for any female to teach yet until the District can afford to employ a male teacher the whole year, the plan of Mr. Woodman to employ the same teacher during successive terms is much preferable to an uncertain change.

Intermediate school taught by Miss Fannie A. Hopkins. A very successful year. Her thorough acquaintance with the school and great excellence as a teacher made her department in every respect successful.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Taught by Miss Martha A. Putnam. Her task was a difficult one. To care properly for the little *bodies*, and feed the little minds, and keep cheerful, soft and loving the little hearts is work fitting an angel's hand, and that from which mortals well may shrink, to which men never and women too seldom are suited.—The qualifications and characteristics of a successful Primary teacher Miss Putnam possesses to a very superior degree, and in every respect her school was a model. Kindness with no lack of dignity on the part of the teacher, perfect order without wearisome restraint on the part of the scholars, variety with no loss of essential matter in instruction all combined to make her school-room pleasant to pupils, and interesting to visitors. Her literary qualifications and skill in teaching are sufficient for a much higher grade of schools, but this District will suffer a loss many cannot balance when she leaves the Primary Department.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Pru. Committee, Samuel Goldsmith.

Summer term taught by Miss Alma Moore. On the 6th week the school closed without examination on account of the sickness of the teacher. No school promised more than this at the commencement, or closed to the greater regret of parents and pupils.

Winter term. Miss Emily H. Abbott. A very pleasant and successful term. Teacher earnest and faithful; pupils ambitious and thorough; improvement great and substantial. Few schools are taught principles more than has this been during the past year. The improvement in the school house has given to this District a school-room in pleasantness and convenience second only to No. 9 in town. Its Library and apparatus surpass all others combined. This District has much to be thankful for in the history and wisdom of the Fathers gone, the harmony of its present population and the interest manifested by those who have gone out from it. A valuable clock placed in it during the present year, was the gift of one of its absent sons, Edward H. Spalding, Esq., of Nashua.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Pru. Committee, David Cram.

Summer term taught by Miss Mary E. Bosworth, of Amherst.—The teacher was a beginner, the pupils little children. If there was any failure in this school it was in doing too much. For so young pupils their recitations during the term, and exercises at examination were creditable to scholars of twice their age. The teacher was one of great excellence, lacking only experience to give her a high stand as an educator.

Winter term taught by Miss Abbie E. Crosby. A very successful term. The opinion formed of this school in the summer was only strengthened by the winter. Of its inches it is by far the smartest school in town. The examination at the close showed very little preparation for examination, such as is too often shown, yet was one of the best ever witnessed by your Committee. The secret is found in the fact that this school has less changes of teachers than any other in town.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

David Stiles, Pru. Committee.

Summer Term. Taught by Miss Abbie F. Dascombe. Her first term very successful. Winter term taught by Miss Clara E. Flint, also a very successful term. This was at the commencement of the year a very hard school. It was almost impossible to arrange the scholars in classes, but with great patience and earnestness, Miss Dascombe and Miss Flint have accomplished a good work, and at the examination at each term very little was seen to criticise in the work of the teachers.

Its scholars are more than for several years past, and now class very well, so that progress may be expected in future if under the instruction of teachers like those employed the past year.

DISTRICT NO. 8.—W. WILTON.

Pru. Committee, P. Ring.

The summer term commenced under the instruction of Miss Emily F. Peirce, and continued two weeks to the very great satisfaction of all interested. On account of her health, Miss Peirce was compelled to close with the commencement of the third week. After a very long vacation Miss Etta F. Gage commenced teaching and taught six weeks very successfully. The summer term was as successful as first class teachers could make it with so short a term and so long vacation.

Winter Term. Taught by Miss Luella Stiles, of Temple. This term was of very little benefit to the District. After continuing two weeks measles appeared, causing suspension of the school.—After three or four weeks' vacation it commenced again, but the teacher found it impossible to awaken the interest she desired on

the part of the scholars and of her own choice dismissed the school. Under other circumstances, Miss Stiles' labors would probably have been successful. But no teacher could accomplish much with such interruptions and such unpardonable indifference on the part of parents as is manifest from the fact that one only visited the school during the winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Pru. Committee, John Phelps.

Summer Term.—Teacher, Miss Sarah A. French. A very profitable school. Miss French only requires experience and confidence in herself to become a most successful teacher.

Winter term taught by Mr. William Converse, of Marlborough. A successful term. Mr. Converse had no experience in teaching before the present winter. His method of instruction and manner of discipline were very unlike those to which the pupils in this District were accustomed. His labors were successful and very great advancement was made by the pupils. In real substantial progress this term compares favorably with any in town.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Pru. Committee, David Shedd.

There were ten weeks of school in this District. Most unfortunately taught by different teachers. First term of five weeks, taught by Miss Josie R. Hovey, of Peterborough, was very successful. Though her first term of teaching she succeeded admirably and had her services been retained through the year great improvement would have resulted. Winter term five weeks taught by Miss Hannah A. Foster of Temple. An experienced and excellent teacher, as much improvement was manifest as could be expected from so short a term. A change of teachers in such a District as this is suicidal.

This is the only District in which the Prudential Committee failed to notify your Committee of commencement and end of terms as required by Law.

In addition to this general Report few suggestions are deemed necessary. It is with great pleasure that you are congratulated on a successful year.

It is a source of satisfaction to all interested that the money appropriated for the education of our youth has been so judiciously expended, that but one positively worthless teacher has been connected with the schools, and not more than two or three that were not of marked excellence.

As a class the teachers employed during the year have been worthy of the position they have occupied, and have shown that

the Prudential Committees realized the importance of care on their part in the selection of teachers. More depends upon them than the Superintendent. He judges principally of scholarship, but many a first class scholar ranks very low as a teacher, and the Prudential Committee with greater care than he selects the clerk, or a laborer to attend to his own business, should study the ability, general appearance, in short, the manhood or womanhood of the one employed to instruct in our common schools—and after employing a teacher, and starting the school no conscientious Committee will think his work done but will watch for the progress of the pupils and the success of the teacher. In this respect some of the Committee have been very efficient and judicious. The Committee in No. 4, especially should be mentioned in this connection—frequently meeting the scholars and teachers, though never officious or interfering, he has shown the power of a single word fitly spoken in encouraging, restraining, urging forward.

Your school-rooms now are very convenient and comfortable. Every one of them is systematically ventilated, although in some there is need of improvement in this respect.

During the year a new school-house has been built in No. 4. only one room of which has been finished and occupied—but appearances indicate that during the next year the other room will be required to accommodate the increasing numbers of this village District. The remodeling of the house in No. 5 is an example worthy the imitation by all districts in which the frame of an old house will allow such change. A better room is obtained for three or four hundred dollars, than can be obtained by building at three or four times the cost.

The system of education is perhaps all that we can make it while the remuneration of teachers is less than that of the most uneducated class of laborers. Few follow it as a profession, and while our State affords no opportunity for teachers to fit themselves for teaching, we labor at great disadvantage. Give the teachers employed during the last year one term only at a first class Normal School and the result of their labors would have been fifty per cent. greater. There seemed to be at the commencement of the year a very marked defect in knowledge of elementary principles. In but one school could the scholars give the names of the usual marks of punctuation on the first visit. In none could they form a correct answer to the question, "What is the difference between a vowel and a consonant."

But one seemed to possess any idea of the general principles of Geography. Grammar had apparently received very little attention. To these elementary principles it has been attempted to

direct the attention of teachers and pupils, and in every District the improvement in these has been very manifest.

Another important part of education is that which gives self-possession to the pupil, and enables him to tell what he knows in a proper manner. To accomplish this considerable attention has been given to Rhetorical Exercises. Scholars have in general been requested to declaim several times during the term, and at the close of the village school the three Departments united in giving a very creditable exhibition for which no preparation was made excepting the rehearsal of parts performed in the regular rhetorical exercises of the school. At the close of all the schools several Districts united in giving an Exhibition at Citizen Hall, which while it sought first to improve the scholars gave great interest to the citizens. The importance of these exercises cannot be over-estimated. While we rejoice in the blessing that is ours in our common schools, let us not conclude that nothing remains still to be done. This town should have a High School of a very high grade open to all. Till this is the case many minds will be stunted for want of the proper means of development. For this every friend of progress should labor, but, while laboring forthis, let us not forget the system at hand, but by increasing our appropriations increase the present blessing.

One remark is ventured on the time of commencing and closing schools. This year the summer term commenced too early; at one time four were interrupted by the illness of the teacher, and the Primary department of No. 4 was very much injured by sickness of the pupils.

The 10th of May was early enough this year for any school to commence.

No winter term should be in session after the 15th of February, if you would have the Report of the schools ready for distribution at the Annual March meeting.

STEPHEN C. FLETCHER, Supervisor

ROLL OF HONOR.

1st Table. Those neither absent, nor tardy during the year.

LADS.

Milo R. Foster,
Frank A. Barker,
Frankie Blood,
Johnnie Mahony,
Sammie Hutchinson,
Charles Burt,
Freddie E. Cram,
George M. Batchelder,
Frank D. Reed,
Willie H. Gray,
Augustus A. Melendy.
Charles E. Dillon,
Arthur M. Dillon,
Henry W. Dillon,
George Fessenden,
Wilbur E. Barrett,
Everett O. Barrett,
Eddie G. Stanley,
Charlie E. Frye.

MISSES.

Flora A. Melendy,
Abby M. Holt,
Ida M. Putnam,
Oldis Barrett,
Elsie C. Barrett,
Ella H. Gage,
Lizzie J. Gage,
Lilla F. Emery,
Hattie M. Peabody,
Lottie E. Peabody,
Jennie Duncklee,
Emma Hartwell,
Arabel Smith,
Dora Tarbell,
Jennie L. Abbott.

2d Table. Those neither absent nor tardy for two terms.

LADS.

Georgie Whiting,
Frank Hartwell,
Ikie Whiting,
Andrew Cain,
Charlie Adams,
Willie Foster,
Sammie Holt,
Daniel Lane,
Eddie Parkhurst,
Joseph Fessenden.

MISSES.

Ellie Hutchinson,
Clara H. Blood,
Carrie Martin,
Alice Fessenden.
Nellie Kidder,
Ida Blanchard,
Carrie Boynton,
Kate Lane,
Bessie Burns,
Florence Blood.

3d Table. Those neither absent nor tardy for one year.

LADS.

Ai O. Peabody,
John R. Kimball,
Sammie W. Baldwin,
Daniel Houlihan,
Edward Keniston,
Willie Varley,
Patsy Varley,
Sammie Senter,
Thomas Donnell,
Albert W. Steele,
Charlie Batchelder,
Daniel Sullivan,
George Whipple,
Edwin Holt,
George W. Tarbell,
James E. Gray,
Elson D. Frye,
Charles U. Gray,
J. Frankie Perham,
Arthur A. Abbott,
George H. Abbott.
George E. Bales,
Johnnie Whiting,
George Merrill,
John Putnam,
John LeClair,
Charles LeClair,
George Thayer,
Willie Bales,
Johnnie Shea,
Everard W. Dascomb,
Calvin Hall,
Clarence Young,
Eben A. Walton,
Harry P. Ring,
John P. Eaton,
Charles A. Whittier,
George E. Parkhurst,
Daniel Bowman,
Asa Goldsmith,
Willie L. Abbott.

MISSES.

Ida Melendy,
Annie Peacock,
Hattie Sheldon,
Carrie Sheldon,
Fannie Temple,
Ida Langdell,
Lizzie Blanchard,
Clara E. Colburn,
Emma C. Cram,
Mary Ann Heelihy,
Hannah J. Heelihy,
Flora Lynch,
Anna Welch,
Emily H. Smith,
Delora Tarbell,
Carrie H. Walton,
Nellie M. Ring,
Ella F. Reed,
Ida S. Holt.
Rosa A. Perham,
Alice S. Gray,
Annie L. Kimball,
Mary E. Kimball,
Jennie L. Ford,
Ellen Dascomb,
Carrie Puffer,
Marion Parker,
Delpha Sanders,
Carrie Forsaith,
Nellie Stiles,
Minnie Kehoe,
Mary Adams,
Mary J. Brown,
Ada Searles,
Elsie O. Daniels,
Lois L. Frye,
Lizzie A. Nolan,
Anna M. Hutchinson,
Jennie M. Lewis,
Ellen Goldsmith.

CONDENSED TABULAR STATEMENT.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.	District.	Term of the year.	Length in weeks.	No. of pupils.	Males.	Females.	Average.	*Wages of Teacher.	Visits by Supervisor.	Visits by Prud. Com.	Visits by citizens.	Studies Pursued. Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Grammar.	Geography.	Composition.	History.	Physiology.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Geology.	No. times tardy.	Pupils not absent or tardy.
Mary E. Russell,	1	1	9	15	6	9	13	$22.00	2	0	35	15	15	11	15	5	7	1	6	0	0	0	0	12	3
Mary E. Russell,	1	2	11	24	15	9	21	$34.00	4	1	41	24	23	19	24	16	8	6	5	0	1	2	0	42	6
Hattie E. Fowler,	2	1	8	16	5	11	15	$20.00	2	1	36	16	16	7	8	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Sarah A. Brown,	2	2	9	19	10	9	17	$28.00	3	1	19	19	19	6	12	4	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
S. Josie Page,	3	1	7	12	6	6	11	$16.00	2	1	7	12	8	7	10	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8
L. H. Rideous,	3	2	9	17	12	5	15	$18.00	3	1	16	17	17	16	15	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	6
Abbie E. Crosby,	3	3	4	17	12	5	16	$24.00	2	2	26	17	17	14	15	7	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	11	8
Lizzie M. Hale,	4	1	10	36	21	15	32	$30.00	3	1	13	36	33	34	36	14	32	5	2	0	2	0	0	20	9
" "	4	2	8	42	21	21	37	$30.00	2	1	22	42	37	35	40	18	25	9	2	0	4	0	0	17	13
" "	4	3	8	55	33	22	50	$30.00	3	2	13	55	49	34	54	35	36	9	0	0	7	0	0	33	18
Fannie A. Hopkins,	4	1	10	74	39	35	63	$30.00	4	1	11	73	73	20	40	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	28
" "	4	2	8	57	31	26	50	$30.00	3	1	26	57	57	16	31	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	19
" "	4	3	8	53	25	28	48	$30.00	4	1	18	53	53	20	40	0	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	12
Martha A. Putnam,	4	1	10	43	19	24	30	$25.00	4	1	52	43	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135	1
" "	4	2	8	52	25	27	42	$28.00	2	1	46	52	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	159	7
" "	4	3	8	37	20	17	30	$28.00	3	1	49	37	37	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	6
Alma H. Moore,	5	1	6	17	7	10	16	$20.00	2	2		17	17	10	10	6	4	0	5	0	0	0	0	3	6
Emily H. Abbott,	5	2	12	20	8	12	18	$20.00	3	8	60	20	20	13	16	11	5	11	4	0	1	0	0	8	8
M. E. Bosworth,	6	1	10	16	7	9	14	$16.00	2	1	35	16	16	9	13	2	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Abbie E. Crosby,	6	2	10	15	10	5	14	$22.00	2	1	25	15	15	8	11	2	9	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	9
Abbie F. Dascomb,	7	1	12	17	9	8	15	$16.00	3	5	27	17	17	5	6	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	5
Clara E. Flint.	7	2	12	25	15	10	22	$24.00	2	1	11	25	25	5	8	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	16
Etta F. Gage,	8	1	8	26	15	11	24	$20.00	2	0	38	26	26	8	17	16	8	9	0	0	6	3	0	7	13
Luella Stiles,	8	2	6	32	16	14	26	$22.00	3	1	10	29	29	11	21	16	6	2	0	0	4	0	0	6	14
Sarah M. French,	9	1	11	35	18	17	30	$16.00	3	1	24	33	33	23	27	9	16	2	0	0	0	2	0	55	7
J. W. Converse,	9	2	13	36	24	12	32	$37.00	3	1	28	36	36	15	30	12	8	0	1	1	0	4	4	17	12
Josie R. Hovey,	10	1	5	5	2	3	5	$16.00	2	1	18	5	5	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
H. A. Foster,	10	2	5	14	5	9	11	$16.00	2	1	14	14	14	6	10	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2

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